



Towards May First 2021 with the Slogan:

Freedom for Jailed Workers and Political Prisoners in Iran!

This year we celebrate May First, International Workers' Day under conditions where the Islamic Republic of Iran has stepped up its pressure against the activists in the labor movement and other radical movements of the society. Meanwhile, we have been witnessing increasing protests and demonstrations by workers all around the country, showing a deepening and expansion in their struggles against the Islamic regime and against the capitalists, which also show that Iranian workers are advancing in their struggles with more awareness and firmer resolution.

At the same time, around the country, millions of people, most of them members of working class, lack access to the most basic services that are required to protect their health, whether from COVID-19. With COVID-19, the situation has become even worse and has resulted in that thousands of lives have been lost.

The capitalist regime of the Islamic Republic, knowing the power of the working class in creating the real and radical change in the society, uses all options of oppression, arresting, imprisonment, torture, and execution against the workers in order to prevent their advancement and the spread of their protests. That is why, fearing reactions of the workers and other poor layers of the society, the regime has intensified pressure on the activists of the radical movements. Currently, a large number of Iranian labor leaders and activists are incarcerated for defending workers' rights. More have been released on heavy bails and are tightly controlled by the security apparatuses or have been deprived of any social rights.

The reality is that the Islamic Republic is experiencing a deep economic crisis and lack of political legitimacy and the pressures it uses against the activists of the labor movement and those of the other radical movements in the society are desperate efforts by the regime for survival.

With workers' wages several times below the poverty line and paid several months late, wages that do not meet even their most basic needs and high unemployment during the Pandemic, Iranian workers have no other way but to fight against the capitalists and the regime that is supporting them. Therefore, the workers, despite the risk of being imprisoned and executed, have chosen to continue and expand their protests.

May first is a good opportunity for the Iranian working class, that in addition to their struggle for their standard rights, to demand free vaccination for the entire population. This must be done regardless of people's socio-economic situation.

At the same time, May First is a good opportunity to draw world's attention towards the situation and struggles of the Iranian working class and to raise the slogan of freedom for the labor activists. Mass social media and other independent and radical media have a significant role in the mobilization of world's public opinion and their support for the Iranian workers struggles.

We call on all the workers and progressive and freedom loving people around the world to support the workers' movement in Iran, especially the jailed workers.

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